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In re Application of

Tadayuki HATSUDA et al.

Patent Art Unit: 3618

Serial No. 10/816,892

Examiner Christopher Bottorff

Filed: April 5, 2004

For: DRIVE APPARATUS FOR VEHICLE

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<u>TOTAL</u> 20	- 20 =	0
<u>INDEP</u> 3	- 3 =	0
<u>[] 1ST PRESENTATION OF MULT. DEP. CLAIM</u>		

<u>SMALL ENTITY</u>		<u>OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY</u>	
	ADDIT.	RATE	ADDIT.
x 25 =	\$	x 50 =	\$
x 100 =	\$	x 200 =	\$
+ 180 =	\$	+ 360 =	\$
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$</u>

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION / RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the January 25, 2006 Election/Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group I directed to a drive apparatus, Species 1 directed to a drive system disclosed in Figures 1 and 2, and Species a directed to an inverter system disclosed in Figure 5 *without traverse*.

Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-20 are pending, with claims 1, 19 and 20 being the only independent claims. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants submit a complete set of claims with the status of each claim indicated with an appropriate identifier in a parenthetical expression.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.